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Everett Public Works offers tips to prepare for winter storms

EVERETT, Wash. – With cold temperatures and snowy conditions in the forecast, Everett Public Works offers tips and resources to help community members prepare for snow and ice.

How to prepare

- Take steps to prepare your family and home for snow, cold temperatures and possible power outages. Visit the City website for resources: www.everettwa.gov/prepare.
- For weather updates, visit www.weather.gov/sew
- View a map of Everett priority snow and ice removal routes.

When the snow hits or ground temperatures freeze

- Be a good neighbor and <u>clear your sidewalk</u> if you can. By City code, clearing sidewalks of snow and ice is the responsibility of the adjacent property owners and occupants. Pile up cleared snow where it doesn't impede travel.
- View a <u>map of Everett priority snow and ice removal routes</u> to see what streets (within City limits) get plowed and treated by City staff. Sometimes street plowing causes "snow walls" on sidewalks and driveways that you may need to clear.
- View Everett's traffic cameras to look at the conditions at 40 locations across the city.
- Visit Everett's Inclement Weather Updates webpage at everettwa.gov/inclementweather for City updates and additional resources.
- Call Public Works dispatch at 425-257-8821 to report trouble spots on the roads.
- Increase the distance between you and other cars on the roadway to allow for time to make adjustments. No sudden turns or braking.

- Wet snow is heavy! Be cautious of falling trees/branches and heavy, wet snow accumulations on roofs.
- As the weather warms back up, clear blocked storm drains of snow and ice to help manage surface water and prevent flooding.

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